GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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NIGHT LANDING FACILITIES AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether many of the airports in the country do not have night landing facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether any proposal is under consideration to provide night landing facilities in all the airports in the country particularly in Tamil Nadu in view of the constant increase in the number of passengers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the above facilities are likely to be provided?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b) There are thirteen operational airports namely Bhuntar (Kullu), Gaggal (Kangra) and Shimla in Himachal Pradesh; Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh; Juhu in Maharashtra; Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh; Kargil in Jammu & Kashmir; Keshod, Kandla and Porbandar in Gujarat; Ludhiana in Punjab; Puducherry in Puducherry UT; and Shillong in Meghalaya, where night landing facilities are not available.

(c),(d)& (e) All the operational airports in Tamil Nadu have already been provided with Night Landing Facilities and Airports Authority of India (AAI) has planned to provide night landing facilities at airports at Bhuntar (Kullu), Gaggal (Kangra) and Shimla in Himachal Pradesh; Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh; Keshod, Kandla and Porbandar in Gujarat; Ludhiana in Punjab; Mysore in Karnataka; Puducherry in Puducherry UT; and Shillong in Meghalaya by March, 2010 at an estimated cost of Rs.17.84 crores. As and when operational necessity arises, the night landing facilities will be provided at remaining. potential airport.